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SUBJECT: MEXICAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANS

1. SCICOUNSELOR MET WITH JUAN EIBENSCHUTZ FOR RECAP
MEXICAN TEAM VISIT TO FRG. EIBENSCHUTZ IS NOMINALLY ASSISTANT
TO DIREVTOR GENERAL FARELL OF CFE, BUT ACTUALLY REPORTS
DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL PATRIMONY MINISTER FRANCISCO JAVIER
ALEJO. HE COMMENTED, IN FACT, THAT HE HAD NOT MET WITH
FARELL IN YEAR.

2. EIBENSCHUTZ ACCOMPANIED MINISTER ALEJO TO SWEDEN AND
FRG TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO.
MEXICO LOOKS FORWARD TO NUCLEAR POWER INDEPENDENCE AND
THEREFORE WANTS BE ABLE TO DEVELOP COMPLETE FUEL CYCLE
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FROM MINING AND MILLING THROUGH ENRICHMENT TO CHEMICAL

REPROCESSING.

3. ACCORDING TO EIBENSCHUTZ, ATTITUDE OF SWEDEN AND GERMANY WAS POLITE BUT NOT TOO ENCOURAGING. EIBENSHUTZ PLANS ACCOMPANY MINISTER ALEJO TO PARIS THURSDAY, NOV. 13, TO PURSUE SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH.

4. EIBENSCHUTZ SAID THAT VENEZUELA AND MEXICO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF VENEZUELAN SUPPORTED FUTURE URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT IN MEXICO TO SERVE AS REGIONAL FACILITY, BUT MEXICO NOT GETTING MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT IN EUROPE AND TBVIOUSLY LACKS TECHNOLOGY TO GO IT ALONE.

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